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Art Unit: 3751

Examiner: Charles E. Phillips

Attorney Docket No.: A310443.1US

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action in the above identified application that was mailed on August 26, 2005. Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the subject of the invention and the assessment of the prior art.

However, Applicant believes there is some confusion over the election required in the previous Office Action that was mailed on May 23, 2005. In that Office Action, Applicant was required to elect between species the Examiner found to be patentably distinct as represented by Figures 1, 5, and 6 respectively. Claim 1 was however recognized to be a generic, linking claim. In response, Applicant elected the species illustrated in Figure 1 and elected to continue prosecution of claims 1-5 and 7-17, withdrawing claims 6 and 18-30. Applicant was therefore understandably confused to find that in the current Office Action claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 14 were indicated as being objected to and withdrawn for not reading on the elected embodiment of Figure 3.

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD
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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	30	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	30 minus 20 =	10
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3 =	1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	30	30	
Independent	2	2	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	43	30	13
Independent	6	4	2
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total			
Independent			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

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SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	385.00	OR	BASIC FEE	770.00
XS 9=		OR	XS18=	
X43=		OR	X86=	
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS 9=		OR	XS18=	
X43=		OR	X86=	
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS 9=	325	OR	XS18=	
X43=	200	OR	X86=	
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	525	OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS 9=		OR	XS18=	
X43=		OR	X86=	
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	